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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**


**SUBJECT: Parachute Test Program**

In conversation with Captain Harry Collins, USAF, this date, the undersigned was informed of the following:

The parachute test program, as of 10 May 1962, is considered ninety-eight per cent complete. Twelve dummy drops from 45,000 feet, and live jumps from twenty through thirty-five thousand feet, remain to be done. On 10 May 1962, the program suffered a delay due to a breakdown in a regulator in the B-66 drop aircraft. This part was available only in Rome, New York, and was presumably on its way to El Centro as of this date. Without this regulator, altitude ceiling for jumps is 18,000 feet. One additional high series remains to be done from the whirl-tower. Live jumps are expected to begin on or about Monday, 21 May 1962.

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